

REPORT ON THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND INTRA-GERMAN TRADE (5 pp; German; [redacted]
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The [redacted] who finances the Deutsche Handelsgesellschaften West-Ost (West-East German Trading Companies), in Shusselwitz, Hamburg, Munich (?), etc. but he feels confident that their money comes from GDR sources. He also furnishes some information on the GEPO (Company for East Trade).

During the middle of August 1952 the coffee stocks of the GDR were exhausted. At this point West Germany offered to export coffee to the GDR (in the amount of 6-8 million DM).